

Capitol Grounds providing Members of Congress and congressional staff with daily services, because these are the workers most likely to be irretrievably hurt by lost wages during a shutdown.

Many federal contract workers earn little more than the minimum wage and receive few, if any, benefits. While some are unionized with a little better wage, all are the lowest-paid workers in the federal government and should not be penalized because Congress has failed to do its job to keep the government functioning. Congress, historically, has provided back pay to federal employees furloughed during government shutdowns, who often work in the same buildings as these low-wage contract workers, but not to low-wage contract workers. However, both groups of workers deserve to be made whole after shutdowns. I recognize, of course, that contract workers are employees of contractors, but the distinction between federal workers and, at least, the lowest-paid contract workers, who, for example, keep buildings clean, fails when it comes to a deliberate government shutdown. Unlike many other contractors, those who employ low-wage service workers have little latitude to help make up for lost wages. Low-wage, federally contracted service workers can least afford the loss of pay during a shutdown and should not have to go without back pay while everyone else in their federal buildings receives back pay.

The nation's capital is the high-profile home of the federal government's complicity with contractors who pay low wages through leases and contracts with federal agencies. At least this legislation would provide some parity to their low-wage federal contract workers.

I strongly urge my colleagues to support the legislation.

#### RECOGNIZING THE JOLIET CATHOLIC ACADEMY FOOTBALL TEAM FOR THEIR STATE CHAMPIONSHIP WIN

**HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 8, 2019*

Mr. LIPINSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Joliet Catholic Academy Hilltoppers football team on winning the IHSA Class 5A State Championship. On November 24th, JCA captured their 14th state championship with a victory over Montini Catholic High School at Memorial Stadium in Champaign. I want to congratulate all of the players, coaches, trainers, and parents, and commend them on their hard work and on the dedication they have shown to their team, their school, and their community. I also want to congratulate Coach Jake Jaworski for his first championship and the principal of Joliet Catholic Academy, Dr. Jeffrey Budz, for helping lead these young men to victory.

In the championship game, Nick Iannantone had 40 carries for 318 yards and 3 touchdowns, with offensive linemen Colin Cox, Dave Monnot, Ryan Laule, Ty O'Janovac, and Connor Kavas clearing the way for the team to gain a total of 461 yards on 66 carries. This prolific offense came despite losing one of their key players, senior running back Keenan Hailey, due to an injury early in the game.

With the help of a defense that only allowed one touchdown in the second half, this amazing team fought back from the 21–7 deficit to win 35–27—bringing home the state championship.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Joliet Catholic Academy Hilltoppers football team and to congratulate them on their IHSA Class 5A State Championship. I wish each player continued success as he moves forward.

#### IN MEMORY OF T. MOFFATT BURRISS, SR.

**HON. JOE WILSON**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 8, 2019*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, beginning with Gov. Henry McMaster lowering flags across South Carolina, tributes are being made to honor the memory of T. Moffatt Burris, Sr., who is an American War Hero, business leader, pioneer of the modern Republican Party, and devoted Family Man. I include in the RECORD the obituary from The State on January 6, 2019:

THOMAS BURRISS SR.

CHAPIN SC.—Thomas Moffatt Burris, Sr. passed away on January 4, 2019 at the age of 99. He was born in Anderson, SC, on Sept. 22, 1919, to Frank Judson Burris and Frances Moffatt. He had two siblings, Frank J. Burris, and Jean Burris Wattley, both now deceased.

Upon graduating from Clemson College in 1941, he moved to Orangeburg and taught physics and science at Orangeburg High, where he met his future wife, Louisa Righton Hay, of Morristown, Tennessee.

When the war broke out on December 7, 1941, Moffatt was called into the service at Fort Benning, Georgia, where he volunteered for paratrooper training school. While on a two week leave, he and Louisa were married on June 22, 1942, in Morristown, IN., by Louisa's father, a Presbyterian minister. In May, 1943, Moffatt's unit was ordered to North Africa to prepare for the invasion of Europe and would not see his wife again for two and a half years. Moffatt was involved in almost every major World War II European battle including Sicily, Italy, Holland, and Belgium.

In Operation Market Garden in the Netherlands, Burris's company was the lead company in the famous Waal River Crossing and the capture of the Nijmegen Bridge. As a company commander, Captain Burris's part in the battle was portrayed in the movie A Bridge Too Far.

For his service during the war, he received the Silver Star, three Bronze Stars, and Combat "V" for valor, the Purple Heart, three Presidential Unit Citations, French Fourragere, Belgium Fourragere, and the Dutch Lanyard.

After the war, Moffatt and Louisa moved to Columbia where he taught school for a few years and then went into the construction business.

In 1970, Moffatt and his three sons formed Burris Construction Company which was involved in major construction projects throughout the southeast. He was active in numerous civic and business organizations including the Executives Association of Greater Columbia (EAGC) of which he was president in 1964–65, a Board Member of Lions Club, Presbyterian Home of SC, Med-

ical Missions, SC Lottery Commission, and as Executive Director of the Business and Industry Political Action Committee (BIPEC). Moffatt was a founding member of Eastminster Presbyterian Church where he served as a ruling Elder.

In 1976, he was elected to the S.C. House of Representatives where he served until he retired in 1991. He was elected minority leader for nine of those years where he was instrumental in building the present day Republican Party. In 1989, he received the "Order of the Palmetto" from Governor Carroll Campbell.

In 2000, inspired and persuaded by his children, Moffatt documented his war experiences by writing the book Strike and Hold, a memoir of the 82nd Airborne in World War II.

In 2009, Moffatt was invited to Holland to participate in the 65th Anniversary of Operation Market Garden in Nijmegen. At the ceremony Mr. Burris was recognized by the Queen of Holland and the Mayor of Nijmegen and awarded the Nijmegen Medal of Honor for his part in capturing the Nijmegen Bridge in 1944. Mr. Burris celebrated his 90th birthday by once again parachuting at the original WWII battle site in Holland.

Over the years, Moffatt and Louisa built their vacation home at their beloved Lake Dogwood in Eastover, where he enjoyed fishing in the lake. They also enjoyed vacations in Montreat, N.C., where, even in his nineties, Moffatt helped each of his four children build their own vacation homes.

In the early 70's, Moffatt faced the toughest battle of his life when Louisa was diagnosed with early onset Alzheimer's Disease. He courageously cared for her until her death in 1986. Moffatt was later blessed to marry Jean Wheelwright Dooley, who had four grown children of her own, Richard, John, Mary, and Michael. Jean died in 2010. He is survived by his three sons and one daughter, John Hay Burris (Becca), Moffatt Burris Jr. (Suzanne), Francis Burris (Nancy), and Louisa "Weesa" Burris (Bob Toomey); twelve grandchildren, Catherine Tuttle, John Burris, Jr., Louisa Adam (Brian), Elizabeth Teal (Bart), Alle Denny (Chris), Lisa Thornton (Brian), Philip Prescott, Rich Prescott, Moffatt Prescott, Rachel Burris, Thomas Burris III, and David Burris (Rebecca); and ten great-grandchildren, all who are grateful and humbled to have shared the life of this honorable gentleman.

The family would like to thank the staff at Lowman Home and Lutheran Hospice for their compassionate care of Mr. Burris during his last two months.

A memorial service will be held at Lake Murray Presbyterian Church, in Chapin, on Sunday, January 13, at 3:00. The family will receive visitors at the church at the conclusion of the service. Shives Funeral Home, Trenholm Road Chapel, is assisting the family. Memorials may be made to Lake Murray Presbyterian Church, 2721 Dutch Fork Road, Chapin, SC 29063. Memories and condolences may be shared at ShivesFuneralHome.com.

#### IN HONOR OF CENTRAL-CLAY COUNTY WINNING THE AHSAA CLASS 5A FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

**HON. MIKE ROGERS**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 8, 2019*

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the Central-Clay County High School football team for winning the Alabama High School Athletic Association (AHSAA) Class 5A football championship.

The Volunteers defeated Vigor 43–42 in the championship game on December 6th played at Jordan-Hare Stadium at Auburn University. The Volunteers brought home the program's first ever state title.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating the students and faculty of Central-

Clay County High School, the coaches, the players and all the Volunteer fans on this exciting achievement. Go Volunteers.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. ILHAN OMAR**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 8, 2019*

Ms. OMAR. Madam Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 4.